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DIARY NOTES

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1. I talked with Larry Houston about the necessity of going to the General Accounting Office to see if we have authority to use the \$1.7 million left over from the Headquarters building fund to construct a printing plant. He thought that we clearly have the authority but would prefer to go to the Appropriations Committee before going to the GAO. (Larry will call John Clarke on this question.)

2. Jim Garrison reported that the [REDACTED] is bankrupt and that everything in their warehouse has to be moved, including some forty sets of household goods belonging to Agency employees. I told Jim to move these goods, which will cost approximately \$1,500. (He has permission from all the owners.) I said that the area divisions concerned should pay for the moving but that the bookkeeping should be kept as simple as possible.

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3. I had a philosophic discussion with Jim Garrison about research and development contracting. I told him that I had an uneasy feeling that we were being defensive rather than aggressive about this matter, taking the service to the customers, etc. I asked him to think this over and to get together with me sometime within the next few days to discuss it again. (I have in mind beefing up the Procurement Division with more contracting officers, some of them to be physically located with the components which they serve, etc.)

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4. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he had run into some police types during our "100 Universities Program" and wanted to know if we were really interested in employing them. I asked him to send me their names with a brief biographic sketch or whatever else he had, and I would see that they are put in the proper channels.

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5. I talked with [REDACTED] as well as [REDACTED] about Project USEFUL. As the matter now stands, all arrangements have been made to start the two-day program in Room 1A07 during the week beginning 17 February. Mr. Kirkpatrick is to advise us, however, concerning to whom the letters of invitation should be addressed, who should sign them, etc.

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6. I talked with [REDACTED] the young JOT who was severely burned in [REDACTED] last July. His attitude was good, although he was critical of the Medical Staff's handling of his case. As of yesterday he returned to Agency rolls and

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25X1A9a will go back on BEC rolls again later when he undergoes some plastic surgery. He wants to work in Larry Houston's office, and I have arranged this with the concurrence of Larry, [REDACTED] of the JOT Staff, and Mr. Kirkpatrick. He will remain on JOT rolls for the time being since Larry does not have an available slot.

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7. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning General Carter read from a draft memorandum giving policy guidance about Agency publicity. The Director intends to issue the directive to Deputy Directors within the next few days. This action grows out of the recent unpleasantness in which there was a misunderstanding about Ray Cline and others briefing a group of newspapermen on the Soviet economy with full attribution to the Agency, etc. As I understood the directive, it means merely that we will revert to our former policy and will comply with existing regulations. Each Deputy Director, however, was asked for an assessment of the results of this recent flap.

25X1A9a 8. Jim Garrison reported that the team negotiating with [REDACTED], Inc., is coming back to Washington, D. C., with all the facts for our review before signing the final papers. I told him that I thought this was a good idea and have advised [REDACTED] of these plans.

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